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Several members of her family emigrated to Utah, and when her brother William decided to come, he offered her transportation. Her children were grown, and they were agreeable to her coming. She sailed from Liverpool on May 24, 1878, arriving in Salt Lake City on June 13 of the same year. Twenty-two years earlier her mother had attempted to cross the plains in a hand-cart company at the age of 72, but succumbed at Chimney Rock.

Veronica and the group she traveled with came directly to Heber and rented a home on the northwest corner of First West and Second North. Several members of the group soon found more suitable accommodations, but Veronica remained and before long had married her landlord, Thomas Giles.

She was known to friends and relatives as "Aunt Vackey," and had a pleasing Scotch personality, with a keen wit, cheerful disposition and a heavy brogue.

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